



**Training Makes the Difference: Employment Skill Development  
Adult and Dislocated Workers**

**Recovery Act 2009**  
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**PUT ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES TO WORK!**

**Skill Development Training**  
**RFP Issued for Provision of Employment Skills Development Workshops**

As part of its strategic planning process to meet the anticipated goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Workforce Investment Board, on February 19, 2009, established a number of priorities, including a strengthened commitment to Skill Development and Employment for Adult and Dislocated Workers.

Specifically the Board authorized the following actions:

- Expand pre-vocational support and development sessions that include core readiness and job skills, as well as career transition, mental health, financial counseling, and other topics as appropriate.
- Utilize investments for On-the-Job Training contracts to expedite employment opportunities.
- Support training that leads to employment, targeting investments in short-term and other vocational training - including higher education and other eligible training providers

To implement that goal, the Workforce Investment Network issued, on March 3, 2009, a Request for Proposals to procure individuals and agencies qualified and interested in providing employment skills/development activities that support the three commitment areas outlined above.

This action will strengthen the Network's current comprehensive array of development workshops/sessions held both in-house and through partnering agencies who provide specific expertise. Workshops are



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tailored to meet the needs of adults, dislocated workers, veterans, special needs customers, and others as necessary and appropriate.



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